

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-386-W/S - ORDER NO. 93-341

APRIL 14, 1993

IN RE: Application of Plantation Utilities, ) ORDER  
Inc. for Approval of Increased Rates ) GRANTING  
and Charges for Water and Sewer ) PETITION  
Services Provided to Customers in its )  
Area in South Carolina. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) pursuant to the Petition of Plantation Utilities, Inc. (Plantation or the Company) to withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules of December 3, 1992, without prejudice.

On December 3, 1992, the Company filed an Application in the above-captioned docket seeking a general increase in its existing rates and charges for water and sewer service in accordance with schedules attached to and filed with the Application. Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company timely caused a Notice of Filing and Hearing to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the proposed rate increase and sent a copy of the Notice via the United States Postal Service to each customer affected by the proposed increase in rates and charges. Subsequent to the publication and mailing of the Notice, Petitions

to Intervene were filed by Mr. Joseph Short, Jr. on behalf of Outdoor Resorts RV Resort and by Carl F. McIntosh, Esquire, on behalf of Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina.

On or about April 6, 1993, the Company filed its Petition to Withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules Without Prejudice. The grounds for said Petition were that the Company needed additional time to obtain and provide documentation of the costs of assets purchased by Company. The Commission believes that the Company has stated sufficient grounds to withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules without prejudice, and therefore, believes that the Company should not be precluded by the December 3, 1992, filing of its original Application and Rate Schedules from seeking relief as the Company deems appropriate, including the filing of an application for rate relief before December 3, 1993.

The Company has requested that it be allowed to refile its Application for a Rate Increase within sixty (60) days, and the Company has indicated that it will in fact refile its Application within that time. Therefore, the Company shall notify all customers of the withdrawal of this Application by including a statement regarding the withdrawal of this Application in the Notice which the Company must send to its customers when it refiles its Application for a Rate Increase.

When and if the Company decides to file a new Application and Rate Schedules prior to December 3, 1993, it shall serve a copy of said new Application and Rate Schedules on all the present parties

in this action, including Mr. Joseph Short, Jr. and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, and shall use the current docket number. This Order shall have no effect, should the Company decide to file a new Application and Rate Schedules on or after December 3, 1993.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Company is hereby allowed to withdraw its Application and Rate Schedules filed December 3, 1992, without prejudice.

2. The Company is not precluded by the previous filing of said Application and Rate Schedules from seeking rate relief as the Company deems appropriate, including the filing of an application for rate relief before December 3, 1993.

3. The Company shall notify all customers of the withdrawal of this Application by including a statement regarding the withdrawal of this Application in the notice which the Company must send to its customers when it refiles its Application for a Rate Increase.

4. The Company shall serve a copy of any new Application and Rate Schedules filed before December 3, 1993, on all present parties to this action, including Joseph Short, Jr. and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, and shall use the current docket number.

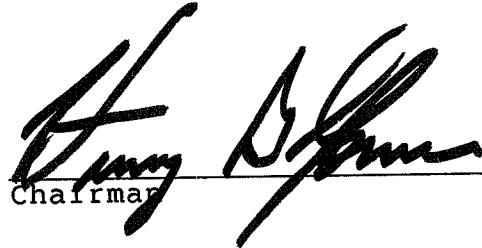
5. This Order shall not affect any new Application and Rate Schedules filed on or after December 3, 1993.

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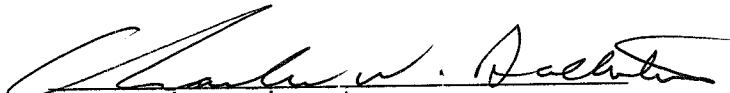
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6. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect  
until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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